

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19598C2**

This bill is to provide guidelines for concussion awareness education training for coaches, paid and volunteer, youth athletes, and their parents/or guardians on the nature and risk of concussion and head injury. A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury needs to be evaluated and released by a licensed health care provider who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions. The provisions of this act shall apply to youth athletes seventeen (17) years of age and younger, participating in sport activities or sport programs provided by or through the public schools of this state.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no impact to the General Fund. Materials and forms will be provided to the Idaho High School Activities Association and the State Board of Education for their website by the Idaho Sports Concussion Association and the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education at Idaho State University for educational outreach. The information is also available online at [knowconcussion.org](http://knowconcussion.org). In addition the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers a FREE "Heads Up" on Concussion toolkit. They also have online educational materials, an online quiz, and more resources on their website. The direct link is: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html>

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